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In re patent application: Hoon HAN *et al.*

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Title: METHOD OF ISOLATING AND
CULTURING MESENCHYMAL STEM
CELL DERIVED FROM CRYOPRESERVED
UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Ruth A. DAVIS

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Madam:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. A copy of **Document C1** is enclosed, which is an Office Action issued in the related application 10/579,070. The only references mentioned that have not previously been cited are Petaja *et al.*, Journal of Clinical Investigations 1997, 99: 2655-2663 (page 3) and Goodwin *et al.*, Blood, Bone, and Marrow Transplant 2001, 7: 581-588 (page 7), copies of which are enclosed for reference.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is filed after the mailing date of a Notice of Allowance but before the payment of the Issue Fee, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d). Applicants hereby petition that the Information Disclosure Statement be considered and a fee of \$180.00 is attached.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

We believe that no additional fees are required with the submission of this IDS. However, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be

filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 22-0261, under Order No. 36470-231117.

Respectfully submitted,

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